1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
29.	Daman & Diu	0	0	0	0	0	0
30.	Delhi	0	0	0	0	0	0
31.	Lakshadweep	0	0	0	0	0	0
32.	Pondicherry	0	0	0	0	0	0
	TOTAL (UTs)	0	0	0	0	0	0
	TOTAL (ALL-INDIA)	17	6	9	19	22	13

Proposal to involve Private Sector in Higher Education

1902. SHRI NARENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are thinking of actively involving the private sector in the field of higher education to tide over the budgetary constraints;

(b) if so, what are the areas in which private sector would be encouraged and what central mechanism in envisaged so that the standards of higher education are maintained and students are not unduly burdened in this regard; and

(c) what is the ratio of elementary education various higher education so far as financial outlays are concerned?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) and (b) The Government is thinking of establishing a strong interface between Industry, Education and Science and Technology with a view to accelerate the economic development of the country.

(c) The Plan allocation proposed during 1998-99 for Elementary Education and University & Higher Education is Rs. 2778.53 crore and Rs. 412.75 crore respectively yielding a ratio of 6.7:1.

Financial Crisis Faced by Universities of Assam

1903. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what grants or assistance have been offered by UGC to solve the financial difficulties faced by three State Universities of Assam, i.e., Guwahati University, Dibrugarh University and Assam Agricultural University at Jorhat; the details of the amount given to them for the last three years; and

(b) the amount given as grants or assistance to Silchar and Tezpur Central Universities for the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) and (b) Central Universities are established by Acts of Parliament and their maintenance and development expenditure is met by the Central Government through UGC. State Universities are set up by Acts of State Legislatures and their maintenance and development expenditure is met by the respective State Governments. UGC provides only development grants to the eligible State Universities and Colleges, as per the prescribed norms, and that too, only a part of their requirements. It is primarily the responsibility of the concerned State Govern-